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1. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S QUESTION, MFA'S DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, PETER DYVIG, AMPLIFIED WHAT THE DANES INTEND TO PURSUE IN THEIR STUDY, "COMMUNICATION IN SOVIET-EASTERN EUROPEAN RELATIONS". DYVIG SAID THAT THE THRUST OF THE STUDY WILL BE AN EXAMINATION OF THE WAY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS WARSAW PACT PARTNERS COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER, PARTICULARLY IN POLITICAL-MILITARY MATTERS. THE DANES WOULD HOPE TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY THE MODE OF SUCH COMMUNICATIONS BUT ALSO ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE THEIR SUBSTANCE.

2. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO NAIL DOWN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS STUDY WITHIN THE DANISH BUREAUCRACY. SECRET

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THIS HAS BEEN PRIMARILY DUE TO THE USUAL SUMMER VACATION HIATUS AS WELL AS THE EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION THE MFA IS UNDERGOING IN PREPARATION FOR DENMARK'S ASSUMPTION OF THE EC PRESIDENCY BEGINNING JANUARY 1. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DRAFTING THE STUDY WILL APPARENTLY BE LODGED IN MFA'S FIRST POLITICAL OFFICE (P-1) WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DENMARK'S POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH

NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE. P-3, RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS AND NATO IN PARTICULAR, WILL HAVE ONLY A COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DEFENSE MINISTRY SEEMS TO BE INVOLVED EVEN MORE PERIPHERALLY.

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